GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agricultural Marketing Department– Fixation of Minimum Support Price for Sweet Oranges and Banana – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.31 Date 13-01-2020

Read the following:-

1. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of AC&FW, MSP for Kharif Crops of 2019-20, F.No 6-1/2019-FES-ES, dated:09.07.2019.
2. From Deputy Economic Adviser (FE), GOI, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of AC&FW,MSP for Rabi Crops of 2019-20, dated 30.10.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.28, A&C (Mktg.II) Dept., dated 9-1-2020.
4. From Spl.Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP, Guntur Lr.No.AGC05-12022/5/2019, dated 13-1-2020.

ORDER:

In the references 1st and 2nd read above, Government of India have declared MSP for 22 crops. There are certain crops which are predominantly grown in Andhra Pradesh, but Central Government does not declare Minimum Support Price(MSP). Some of these are Sweet Oranges and Banana. In the past, the farmers have often complained about lack of remunerative prices and exploitation by middlemen due to lack of MSP for such commodities. Therefore, it is imperative that the Government of Andhra Pradesh comes to the rescue of the State farmers by declaring the MSP and to incur expenditure for MSP operations from the State Government funds, if necessary.

AREA AND PRODUCTION**:**

S.No	CROP	Ha/MT	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	Sweet Oranges	AREA	72855	77940	81947	82887	88029
		PROD	1217453	1265159	1638940	2003112	2190568
2(a)	BANANA-TC	AREA	43806	44752	52035	58342	69894
		PROD	2230059	2335628	2757855	3499627	4257216
2(b)	BANANA-LOCAL	AREA	33684	32182	36130	41030	43101
		PROD	1257249	1234990	1914890	2461699	2127514

2. The crops chosen for declaring the State MSP are selected on the basis of state contribution to the national production and area under cultivation. Andhra Pradesh being an agrarian State, is the leading producer of many commodities. The area under cultivation and annual production of these crops shows the stature of the state in National production.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Spl. Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur has stated that, apart from the cost of cultivation, the last few years' average market rate, the market intervention done in recent past have also been taken into account for arriving at MSP. He has requested for reconsideration of procurement price of turmeric based on the certain representation of farmers. In the past Government have announced an MSP of Rs.6350/- per quintal.

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4. After careful consideration of the entire issue, Government hereby fix the procurement price for the following commodities (which are not covered by MSP announced by Government of India) as below and the expenditure shall be met from Price Stabilization Fund, if situation arises.

S.No	Commodity	MSP Fixed Per Quintal (In Rupees)
1	Sweet Oranges	1400.00
2	Banana	800.00
3	Turmeric	6850.00

5. The quality of the produce shall conform to the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) as decided by Marketing Department.

6. In case the Government of India comes up with MSP/MIS for any of the above Commodities, the higher rate shall be the procurement price. And if the Government of India price is lower than State MSP, the difference will be declared as State bonus.

7. The Special Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in this regard.

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(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.MADHUSUDHANA REDDY,
SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Spl.Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP, Guntur.
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